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We have completed our initial analysis of the proposed P-13 Mine Plan; however, before we can finish our review, we must have your responses to the following items:

The ore zones indicated in yellow on the attached sheets are not scheduled for mining. In light of the development required for the 1701, 1702 and 1703 stopes on the 1700 T.D., it is not clear why this ore is being by-passed, especially in the case of the ore zone west of the 103 and 104 stopes on the 100 T.D. If the mining potential of the zones not scheduled for mining is not known, please discuss the type of exploration that will be conducted to define their potential. If these zones are already well defined, please provide a justification for by-passing them.

The plan states that reclamation of the area to be disturbed would be addressed in the comprehensive reclamation plan; however, the comprehensive plan failed to do so. We will, therefore, require that the comprehensive plan be amended at a later date to include reclamation of the P-13 Mine. However, we can not proceed with our review of the P-13 plan until we have your commitment to provide this amendment.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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